

AAUW Youngstown Update

October 2025



Upcoming Events:

Meeting:

October 6, 2025

5:30 p.m. at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County

Poland Location: 311 S Main St, Poland, OH 44514.

Speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Pintar, YSU Provost and VP of Academic Affairs who will be speaking on "Higher Education Issues in the Mahoning Valley.

3 free memberships are available until October 31, 2025.

November 1, 2025

11: 00 AM at Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County

Boardman Location: 7680 Glenwood Ave. Youngstown, OH 44512

League of Women Voters of Youngstown. Lisa Lee Kohler and Kathie Chaffee Gaige discuss how to work together to support our mutual goals and causes.



December 6, 2025

11:00 AM, Holiday Luncheon and Service Project, United Way Volunteer Resource Center, 8133 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

From Ohio:

AAUW Ohio Fall Summit 2025: Connections, Communications and Resources



Join us at the AAUW Ohio Fall Summit 2025 for a day of networking, learning, and accessing valuable resources. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Saints Lutheran Church, 6110 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio

To Register: [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Lower registration fees in 2025:

In Person (With Lunch) \$40.00

Online Via Zoom \$20.00

Students (In Person or Online) No Cost

If you are attending in person and ordering lunch, please register by the end of day on October 8th.

If you are bringing lunch or attending online, you can register up until 12 p.m. on October 10th. This year's agenda: 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Agenda

9:30 AM to 10 AM	Registration. Meet and Greet
10 AM	Opening and Welcome, Janice McCloud, AAUW Ohio President
10:15 AM	Meet the AAUW Ohio Team
10:30 AM	Workshop on STARZ and DEI Branch Recognition and how these programs can help branches align with AAUW's vision and strategic plan.
10:45 AM to 12 PM	Team Building: Building Community Activities led by Dr. Andrea Townsend, Superintendent, Tri-County Career Center, Nelsonville, Ohio
12 PM to 1 PM	Lunch discussions with AAUW colleagues who hold the same office.
1 PM to 2:30 PM	The State of Education in Ohio: Where We Are Today
2:30 PM to 3 PM	Exploring AAUW National Online Resources: Webinars and More

From National:

For decades, women have been breaking into science, technology, engineering, and math but persistent barriers continue to block the path to equity.

- AAUW branches support STEM by organizing hands-on programs, funding scholarships, and advocating for equity in STEM education, innovation, and careers.
- AAUW's public policy priorities in STEM focus on closing the gender gap in education and expanding women's access to technical and vocational training that leads to high-paying careers.
- AAUW provides direct funding for women from under-resourced communities and those entering fields where women remain underrepresented.

**National Strategic Priorities:**

1. Fund Higher Education
 - Provide grants and fellowships for women in underserved communities and underrepresented fields like STEM.
 - Support women in academia and research.
 - Build networks for alumni to lead and expand AAUW's impact globally.
2. Removing Barriers to Success in Education and the Workplace
 - Champion legislation supporting paid family and medical leave, paid sick days, pay equity, and workplace harassment protections.
 - Promote inclusive, safe, and accessible educational environments through enforcement of Title IX and other civil rights laws.
3. Strengthen AAUW's Reach
 - Support an effective network of states and branches through aligned strategies and initiatives like the Five-Star Program.
 - Grow organizational sustainability through member engagement and impact evaluation.

Call to Action:

We're offering [virtual info sessions](#) designed to introduce you to our fellowships and guide you in understanding eligibility, benefits, and which opportunities may align with your academic or career goals.

Update on funding for vouchers in Ohio:

Mr. Curtin, a former editor and associate publisher for the Columbus Dispatch, a two-term state lawmaker who served on the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, recently wrote an article looking at the history of funding public schools with taxpayers in Ohio and the decision by voters 175 years ago to stop tax dollars from going to private, religious

schools. Franklin County Judge Jaiza Page, who ruled in June that the EdChoice private school voucher program is unconstitutional on three counts, quoted “the plain words of delegates to Ohio’s Constitutional Convention of 1850-51, who adopted language to ensure school funds of the state would be used solely to support common (public) schools.” Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon L. Kennedy vows: “As justices, we are required to faithfully, fairly, and impartially uphold the law as written. We do not rewrite it or legislate from the bench.” Curtin quotes Justice R. Patrick DeWine (he’s Gov. Mike DeWine’s son) from a December article for the Ohio State Law Journal pledging adherence to “an original public meaning approach to the Ohio Constitution.” So why are we still funding vouchers?



Update on current requirements from U.S. Department of Education:

The expansive 10-point memo, dubbed the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education,” puts forth a wide-ranging set of terms the administration says are intended to elevate university standards and performance. Universities that sign on will get “multiple positive benefits,” including “substantial and meaningful federal grants,” according to a letter addressed to university leaders. The compact asks universities to ensure a “vibrant marketplace of ideas on campus” and to bar employees from expressing political views on behalf of their employer unless the matter affects the school. It seeks to create a more-welcoming environment for conservatives, asking colleges to make governance changes and abolish departments that “purposefully punish, belittle, and even spark violence against conservative ideas.” The memo demands that schools ban the use of race or sex in hiring and admissions; freeze tuition for five years; cap international undergrad enrollment at 15%; require that applicants take the SAT or a similar test; and quell grade inflation. The document focuses on the campus political climate.



Observation by Jorine Stone in Portland, OR

“The activities and speeches of government representatives continues and not much of it includes support of AAUW’s goals or mission. Please remember that we need to continue to voice our opinion and contact our state and national Senators and Representatives. When I

was in Portland, Oregon recently, I participated in two protests, one in support of green energy to help our planet, another against the use of the military against the citizens of this country. It was all very peaceful. I saw no evidence of any violence. It is discouraging to think that our voice is not being heard at all.” Jorine Stone stated.

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